

## 'The Futile Curse,' or 'the Luck of the Jumpin' Hawss Rodeo'

Rajah of Poonjabaree's Diamond in Tex Austin's Steerhead Pin Foils Foes; Judge Orders Them Off Range; All Over To-day; Ride 'Em, Cowboy!

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### The Story Up to Now

Tex Austin and his band of cowboys and girls who are holding a rodeo at Madison Square Garden are being attacked by a group of antagonists known as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Operating with them is another group called the Humane Society. These enemies of Tex Austin's threaten to run him off the range because they say it is cruel for a 150-pound cowboy to wrestle with a 1,000-pound steer. Cruel, that is, to the steer. Will Rogers, an ex-cowboy who has become rich on Broadway, is aiding Tex Austin. So are a number of society people who want to see the Argonne Association make a little jack. The Argonne Association is cutting in on the gate receipts.

The societies have Tex Austin arrested. He fights them with an injunction, but is beaten back and haled to court. Conflicting evidence is given, and the wise magistrate decides that he will see for himself whether or not there is cruelty being practiced.

The wise magistrate visits the rodeo. As he passes out he is accosted by a press agent, who whispers, "What do you think of the show?"

"I don't think it is going to rain," says the wise magistrate.

Tex Austin, going to Madison Square, is held up in the fog by crooks, who mistake him for a train. When he explains that what they thought was the headlight on the locomotive was merely his diamond stick-pin he is released. Reaching the Garden, he finds three summonses awaiting him for permitting performances on Sunday.

Now go on with the story.

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"Silence in court!" The scene was a crowded courtroom. It was crowded because Buford Pope, Red Sublette, Bud Timmons, Soapy Williams, Howard Tegland, Chester Byers, Powder Thompson, Red McDonald, Bonnie McCarrall, Mabel Strickland and all the rest of the cowboys and cowgirls were among those present.

They were wearing their best silk skirts.

It was a colorful scene.

The lawyer for the societies which were trying to run Tex Austin off the range shuddered as he walked proudly into the room.

He shuddered because he had an artistic soul.

"Great heavens!" he hissed. "I have walked into the Independent Artists' show by mistake!"

Then, seeing the wise magistrate enter, he realized his mistake. His face was pale as he sat down in his seat. A sneer curled his lip menacingly.

"Tex Austin," the clerk cried loudly. There was a low murmur as Tex Austin strode haughtily forward. His mien was noble and his brow serene.

This was because he knew he was innocent. He had an air of confidence. The lawyer for the societies had an air of confidence, too. Half time, and the score tied.

XI

Ahl! The wise magistrate was speaking. "I have been to the exhibition at Madison Square Garden," he said. "I saw no cruelty to animals there. The charge is dismissed." Tex Austin bowed respectfully toward the bench.

The cowboys would have cheered loudly, but they were afraid that if they did they would all be pinched again.

The lawyer for the societies grew a shade paler as he gathered up his papers and prepared to leave. He had just caught sight of Tex Austin's stick-pin with the three diamonds.

The joyful cowboys and cowgirls hobbled painfully out. They hobbled because of injuries received while trying to be kind to the bucking broncos, the wild Brahmas steers and the Mexican rascals in the rodeo.

Outside the court Tex Austin gathered his gallant band around him.

"Boy," he said, "I knew we couldn't lose. We can't lose on the other charges either. We can't lose because I hold in my possession the mysterious sacred diamond of the Rajah of Poonjabaree. You have all seen my steer head stick-pin. You have noticed the three diamonds which represent the steer's eyes. You have observed also the third diamond which is set in the middle of the forehead between the horns. You have wondered what it is there for.

That is the mysterious sacred diamond of the Rajah of Poonjabaree. It is there for luck. While I had it I knew we could not lose. But if I should ever lose it, beware!"

"And what's more," continued Tex Austin, "to-morrow, which is our last day in New York, Will Rogers and Doug Fairbanks are going to put up special consolation prizes for the boys who haven't figured in the prize money."

A mighty cheer went up.

"Hurrah for Tex Austin!"

"Hurrah for the wise magistrate."

"Hurrah for Will Rogers!"

"Hurrah for Doug Fairbanks!"

In a nearby doorway stood a mysterious man who had overheard the conversation. He gnashed his teeth.

"I was all wrong," he said. "Instead of fussing around with summonses I should have nicked that scarfpin. If I had only known!"

THE END

### Oscar II Aground With 95 Passengers Aboard

LONDON, Nov. 13.—The steamship Oscar II, which sailed from New York November 2 for Christiansand and Copenhagen, went aground Sunday about 1,200 feet north of the Oslo entrance to Christiansia, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen.

Two vessels have gone to the assistance of the ninety-five passengers still aboard to-day. It is not believed the ship is seriously damaged or in a leaky condition.

No fear was expressed yesterday at the local offices of the Scandinavian American Line for the safety of the Oscar II, Henry Ford's "peace ship," which was reported aground in the Bay of Christiansand. Late cable advices reported that the passengers had been safely removed and her cargo salvaged.

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### White Star Line's Senior Purser Falls Dead While Dancing

Succumbs to Heart Failure; Princess Cantacuzene Returns on Celtic; Mr. and Mrs. Moore Held at Dock

Word was brought here yesterday by officers of the White Star liner Celtic, from Liverpool, of the death of Purser Harry B. Palmer, who succumbed to heart failure while dancing on the deck of the Baltic when she was approaching Queenstown on her last eastward voyage. His body was buried near his home in Liverpool.

Mr. Palmer, senior purser of the White Star Line, who consistently refused promotions to larger vessels because he desired to remain in the New York-Queenstown and Liverpool service, was one of the most popular officers of the Atlantic. He has hundreds of friends in this country and Europe, including international figures, and was well known to American soldiers who crossed with him on the Olympic during the war.

On one of Mr. Palmer's trips in 1908 when he was on the Germanic he became acquainted with Mrs. Frank Mayhew, American actress. The ocean romance was followed by a marriage the same year. He is survived by his wife and one son, Harry B. Palmer Jr., twelve years old. Mr. Palmer was fifty-seven years old.

When the Celtic docked yesterday the immigration authorities temporarily detained Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Percy Moore for the loss of their passports. Mr. Moore has been in London staging the production of "The Cat and the Canary." Kilbourn Gordon, producer of the play, was summoned to the pier and the couple were paroled in his custody on the promise that the document would be produced.

Princess Cantacuzene, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, also returned on the liner after passing several months abroad, making a survey of conditions in European countries for her writings. She was met at the pier by the prince.

### Two Liners Sail Today

Sir Alexander MacKenzie One of Aquitania's Passengers

The Cunard liner Aquitania will sail at 10 o'clock this morning from the foot of West Fourteenth Street for Cherbourg and Southampton.

She will have among her passengers Sir Alexander MacKenzie, director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce; Alexander Legge, president of the International Harvester Company; Mr.

and Mrs. T. Douglas Robinson, Sir Sydney Skinner and Lady Skinner, Mr. Nagata and U. Kaminura, Japanese bankers; T. Takashi, secretary to the financial attaché, Japanese Embassy, London; Dr. Andrew Einbank Burn, dean of Salisbury, and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Higginson 23, of Boston.

The Chicago, of the French Line, will leave at 11 o'clock this morning from her pier, foot of West Thirty-fourth Street.

Among her passengers will be a party of twenty-eight sisters of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Brooklyn; the Rev. Stephen Dows Thaw, rector of St. Paul's Church, Harrisburg, Pa., and family; the Rev. Henri le Prince Beaudé, Major L. Ochoa, of the Portuguese army, who has been here on a mission for his government, and S. Y. Ohta.

### New Cunarder Samaria Here on Maiden Voyage

Largest Ship Ever Built on Mersey River Is Sister to the Scythia

The Cunard liner Samaria made her maiden voyage to this port yesterday, coming from Liverpool and Queenstown and calling at Boston. She discharged 420 passengers at Boston and brought the remaining 280 to New York.

The vessel is in command of Captain G. S. Hornsbrough, O. B. E., and after a round trip to England will start from here in January on a cruise around the world, under the auspices of The Cook & Son. She will proceed from here through the Mediterranean and return via the Panama Canal.

The Samaria is the largest ship ever built on the Mersey, being the product of the Cammell Lairds Yards. She is of 20,000 gross tons, practically a sister ship to the Scythia, the first of the large one-stack oil burners, now well known to Cunard patrons.

The latest acquisition to the Cunard fleet is 623.9 feet long and has a speed of sixteen knots. Her accommodations, which extend over her seven decks, are for 336 first cabin, 340 second and 1,504 third class passengers.

## Carleton Vainly Asks Somerset If He Is Father

Tense Situation Occurs in Ellis Island Deportation Proceedings as Husband Queries Rival About Child

Refuses to Give Answer

Records in Case Completed Here and Are Sent to Washington for Decision

For one tense moment yesterday afternoon Pat Somerset and Carl Carleton faced each other, shattering the routine monotony of the last hearing in the Ellis Island deportation proceedings which grew out of his alleged relations with Carleton's wife, the actress Edith Day.

Carleton had been explaining in a matter-of-fact manner why he had decided to stop pressing the case. The three inspectors who were taking the testimony were sitting back placidly and the dozen other persons in the chamber were taking notes listlessly or looking out the window at the ships in the bay. Somerset was whispering to his lawyer.

Suddenly Carleton turned to him. "I came here," he said slowly, "to face Somerset and ask him to tell me like a man, once and for all, whether he is the father of Miss Day's child."

Somerset refused to answer.

Somerset's lawyer put up his hand to keep his client from answering. The three inspectors jumped, and turned toward the actor. A man who had been watching a tug in the harbor began asking his companion what had happened, without getting any answer. The chamber became still.

Then Somerset refused to answer, and the humdrum of the hearing was resumed. Those who were in the room declared later, however, that after the hearing they heard Carleton speak to Somerset again.

"If you don't want to say it for the record, tell me, as man to man, are you the father of Miss Day's child?" the husband asked.

Afterward Carleton declared that Somerset had said, "Yes." Somerset denied making any such statement.

The rest of the hearing was devoted mainly to the testimony of the stenographers who took down Somerset's alleged confession, which he has since repudiated. A deputy customs storekeeper testified that the actor had claimed four pairs of trousers which were found in Miss Day's trunks when she returned from England on the Majestic in July.

Carleton denied that he had been given money to drop out of the case.

"I made my decision," he said, "after a long and confidential conference with a prominent New York man who is a friend of my wife's and mine. He urged me not to interfere further; to put no hindrance in the way to keep

Somerset from marrying Miss Day and giving an honorable name to the child in London."

When Carleton had certified to the authenticity of certain records he had obtained in England the Ellis Island records were complete. They will be sent to Washington at once for determination of the case.

### New Boston Bishop Notified

BOSTON, Nov. 13.—The notification committee of the Pittsburgh Episcopal diocese brought formal word to-day to the Rev. Dr. Alexander Mann, rector of Trinity Church here, that he had been elected bishop of that diocese. Subsequently the committeemen were guests of the rector at luncheon in the parish house.

### Majestic In To-day With 1,772 Aboard; Many Coming Home

Liner to Proceed to Drydock To-morrow; Brigadier General Vanderbilt, Wife and Daughter Returning

The White Star liner Majestic will dock at her pier, foot of West Nineteenth Street, this morning at about 11 o'clock, with 1,772 passengers from Southampton and Cherbourg, including many Americans returning from abroad. Among the homecoming voyagers are Brigadier General Cornelius Vanderbilt, Mrs. Vanderbilt and Miss Grace Vanderbilt.

As soon as the vessel docks arrangements will be made to prepare her to sail again early to-morrow morning for Boston, where she will enter the naval graving dock for the replacement of propellers and the painting of her hull. She will remain in the dry dock for three days before returning to her pier here and will depart for Europe a week from next Saturday.

The Majestic will have among her passengers Surgeon General Hugh S. Cumming, of the United States Public Health Service, who has been attending the International Sanitary Convention at Paris; Clara Briggs, cartoonist, and Mrs. Briggs; Bishop John Nelson, of Zurich, head of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Continental Europe; Bishop W. T. Vernon, General Butler Ames, H. H. Westinghouse, chairman of the Westinghouse Air Brake Company; Dr. Robert R. Moton, head of Tuskegee Institute; Colonel George Denis, Colonel Clifford Wallis, Miss Margaret Lawrence, the actress, and Professor Westley Lambert.

Europeans on the liner include Dr. Ladislav Wroblewski, new Polish Minister to the United States, and Mme. Wroblewski; W. Lints Smith, managing director of "The London Times"; Walter Chambers, Liverpool ship owner, and Major General Frederick Gedfry Hughes, of Melbourne.

Among the socially prominent pas-

sengers are Mrs. F. S. Billeke, Miss Nancy Billeke, Mr. and Mrs. Wendell T. Bush, Mr. and Mrs. Francis H. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. S. Griswold, Mrs. W. W. Hoppin, Miss Mary G. Hoppin and T. De Witt Talmadge, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. William H. Danforth, of St. Louis; Mrs. Stevens Heckscher, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Noyes, of Chicago.

### Senator Townsend Secluded

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Nov. 13.—Senator Charles E. Townsend, who was defeated for re-election in last Tuesday's election, has been registered at a local sanitarium since Friday. It was reported to-day, Senator Townsend is reported in good health, but desirous of recuperating from the strenuous pre-election campaign.



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